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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR TAI

TO: WILLIAM H.C. HALL

PRESIDENT

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REF: TAI CABLE DATED AUGUST 6

FROM ELLISON

1. HAD PRACTICALLY LOST CONTACT WITH SITHOLE DURING PAST MONTHS,
BUT IN RESPONSE TO MY NOTE HE CALLED AT MY RESIDENCE, AUGUST 16.

2. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT HE WILL USE TICKETS FOR THE FORESEE-
ABLE FUTURE. HIS POSITION IS THAT SINCE HE HAS HAD AN ADDITIONAL
CHILD SINCE COMING HERE ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT NO PROVISIONS
WERE MADE TO SHIP PERSONAL EFFECTS, THE TICKETS AS SUCH ARE NOT
PRESENTLY USEABLE.

3. WOULD GATHER, HOWEVER, THAT HE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN RE-
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TURNING TO TEHRAN BUT WANTED TICKETS IN EVENT SITUATION HERE
BECAME UNTENABLE. ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY ABLE TO MANAGE HERE AS A
FOREIGNER, HE REMAINS AT THE SUFFERANCE OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES
WHO COULD DECIDE TO DEPORT HIM AT ANY MOMENT. SITHOLE BASICALLY
WANTS TO RETURN TO RHODESIA BUT AT THE "RIGHT MOMENT." THIS WOULD
NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH PROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT
THERE. UNTIL SUCH TIME HE SEEMS TO FIND SOCIAL CLIMATE FOR HIS

FAMILY IN ZAIRE AS WELL AS ITS NEARNESS TO RHODESIA PREFERABLE TO RETURNING TO IRAN.

4. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS WELL AS EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS AS TO WHAT TAI OWES HIM. THUS HE SEEMS TO FEEL THAT TICKETS SENT HIM SHOULD BE HIS UNCONDITIONALLY WITH NO LIMITATIONS PLACED ON THEIR USE. AT ANY RATE I REQUESTED THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR MESSAGE AND GIVE YOU HIS REASONS AS TO WHY HE CANNOT USE THE TICKETS AT THIS TIME. HE AGREED TO DO THIS WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

5. IN VIEW OF SITHOLE'S RELUCTANCE TO GO TO TEHRAN, I WONDER WHETHER YOU MIGHT DISCHARGE REMAINING OBLIGATION TO HIM BY OFFERING TO RETURN HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO RHODESIA WHEN HE IS READY TO TRAVEL. I DID NOT MENTION THIS TO SITHOLE AND THUS HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

6. ALTHOUGH NOT AWARE WHAT EXPLANATIONS ALREADY GIVEN SITHOLE AS TO COMPANY OBLIGATIONS TO PRESENT OR EX-EMPLOYEES, WOULD SUGGEST THAT AFTER YOU RECEIVE HIS LETTER HE BE GIVEN A SIMPLE, SUCCINCT SUMMARY AS TO HOW THEY APPLY TO HIS CASE.

8. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE.
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